tion of Publishers and Book-Sellers Association of India', the educationists had voiced their concern over the performance of the NCERT in regard to publishing and distribution of text books; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to ensure that teachers and students feel satisfied about the quality of printing and timely receipt of the books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In a Seminar on Book Publishing organised by the Federation of Publishers and Booksellers Association of India in April, 1987, some speakers had expressed concern about the quality of NCERT Textbooks and the delay in their distribuiton.

The NCERT has continuously striven to produce books of quality, authenticity and have endeavoured to arrange their availability in time. The NCERT has been consistently winning prizes for excellence in production of books and during this year alone eight awards for excellent printing and designing of books have been won.

NCERT books are being distributed through the Sales Emporia of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting located in various parts of the country. NCERT has, in an effort to further streamline the distribution of books, appointed 14 wholesale agencies in the U.T. of Delhi on an experimental basis.

Fire in a coach of Shane-Punjab

446. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a coach of Amritsar bound Shane-Punjab caught fire on the 14th September, 1987 after it left Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any enquiry in the incident has been held, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Derailment of goods train between Rohtak and Delhi

447. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some coaches of a goods train were derailed between Rohtak and Delhi on the 4th September, 1987 due to explosion on rail track; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, this was not due to any explosion on the rail track.

(b) The accident seems to have occurred due to track defect.

Malaria Death in M.P.

448. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forty nine people died of malaria in M.P. during the last two months;

(b) whether similar deaths have been reported from other States also: and

(c) if so, the steps taken to control the incidents of malaria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per reports received from the State Health authorities, 62 deaths occurred in fever epidemic in Dhar district of Madhya Prdaesh. The deaths could not be confirmed as due to malaria as no blood smears were taken from the cases.

(b) 49 deaths have been reported due to malaria from other parts of the country.

(c) The following specific measures are being taken to contain malaria in the country:—

1. Residual insecticidal spray in areas where Annual Parasite Incidence is 2 and above.

2. Regular fortnightly surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

3. Decentralisation of Laboratory service at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of blook smears and administration of radical treatment without any time lag.

4. Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in remote areas of the country to make available anti-malaria drugs to the fever cases.

5. To contain P. falciparum strain, a P. falciparum Containment Programme is functioning in the problem areas of the country.

Drugs for maternal and Child Health Programme

449. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs required for maternal and child programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is one of the National Health Programme;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that drugs required for this programme will be under price control as measures announced in December, 1986;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked to identify drugs required for National Health Programme; and

(e) if so, names of the drugs identified for maternal and Child Health Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drugs used in the National Maternal and Child Health Programmes are tablets and syrup containing Iron and folic acid and Vit. A solution.

(c) The list of drugs under the price control compiled by the department Chemicals is not an absolute one. It is being reviewed as and when required. The inclusion of drugs under question will be examined

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) This is under examination.

Expert Committee to identify irrational combination

450. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed an Expert Committee to identify irrational combination of drugs and hazardous drugs;

(b) if so, the names of drugs and combination of drugs identified for withdrawal;

(c) whether the Committee has completed the task;

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) if not, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) On the basis of the recommendation of the expert Committee and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, Government through various notifications has prohibited import|manufacture of 26 categories of drug formulations, which is given in the Statement (*See* below). This exercise of screening is a continuous process.

Statement

1. Amidopyrine.

2. Fixed dose combinations of Vitamins with anti-inflammatory agents and tranquillisers.